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CATTLE INDUSTRY

Most Important Here, But Can Be Much Improved by Proper Breeding.

That cattle raising is the most important industry of this section no well informed person will pretend to deny. It is equally well understood that the business can be vastly improved, if proper breeding methods are employed. In several sections of the state the banks have come to the aid of farmers and assisted materially in improving the quality of the stock raised through pure blood males, especially in cattle. Knowing as we do the spirit that pervades the managers of the First National Bank here, coupled with the great benefits that are sure to come to the bank in a business way, we have not the least doubt that the bank will be glad to co-operate with the farmers of this section in raising the quality of cattle produced. As the case now is very little can be accomplished, for there are at least three to five breeds of cattle that are in special favor with certain cattle raisers. To supply bulls for all these breeds would be entirely inconsistent because such a diversity of breeds could result in nothing other than a mongrel mixture that would produce more scrubs than we now have. It, however, our farmers could come to a common understanding and decide on not over two breeds of cattle and these two breeds be kept as much to themselves as possible, there would be much encouragement in the effort to improve our cattle through pure blood bulls.

Why would it not be a good idea to call a mass meeting of the farmers of the county and through that meeting work out some plan whereby the most desirable breeds might be selected—not exceeding two breeds—and then arrange to get that breed of pure blood bull.

We feel very strongly that if such a condition could be brought about the bank would arrange to very materially assist the movement with funds for the initial purchases.

Every farmer in the county realizes the great importance of pure blood stock and should be willing to lend a helping hand to bring about such an understanding and such conditions as will rapidly reduce the present high percentage of scrub cattle.

If a few such men as John Q. Wyatt, Harry Martin, Jere Morrow, R. R. Dunbar, John Kemmer, L. W. Martin and numerous others we could mention will take this matter seriously in hand, splendid results would surely follow. What do you say, gentlemen?

OLD CITIZEN GONE.

Washington Brown Passed Away Monday, at Crab Orchard.

Monday morning at 1:20 J. Washington Brown, more familiarly known as "Uncle Wash Brown," died at his home near Crab Orchard as the result of a physical breakdown. He was in his 86th year and had resided in this county all his life. He was a man of strong convictions and was a power in the community.

The funeral services were held at Halesy Grove church yesterday at 10 a. m. and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery here. All the children residing in this state and many friends were present.

The deceased was the father of eleven children, six daughters and five sons, nine of whom survive him. They are Judge S. C. Brown, Athens; Mark and Robert Brown, Rockwood; J. F. Brown, Crab Orchard; Mrs. Martha Hammel, Chattanooga; John A. Brown, Mrs. Gus Greer, Mrs. T. S. Flynn, Mrs. W. O. Kearley, Buhl, Idaho.

Plenty of small single entry ledgers at the Chronicle office; 180 pages only 30 cents.

Crane's stationery by the quire and envelopes by the bunch at the Chronicle office. Nothing made better than Crane's.

If you have nominated a lady in the Chronicle Subscription Contest get busy for her and you may bring her out winner of the grand prize. That means that you will get the handsome 26-piece set of Rogers silver FREE.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Maria Powell Died in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buried Here Sunday.

Mrs. Maria S. Powell, aged 61 years, 6 months and 13 days, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday of last week and the remains were shipped here for interment. The remains arrived Sunday afternoon and were taken directly to the cemetery, after being viewed by friends in the waiting room of the depot. A brief service was conducted at the grave by Rev. W. C. Martin of the M. E. Church.

A profusion of flowers covered the casket as a token of esteem and love by those who had known her in her early girlhood and by others who wished to show respect to her son, C. W. Powell, of Westel.

Relatives and intimate friends present were: C. W. Powell and wife, Westel; Miss Hazel Anderson, sister of Mrs. C. W. Powell, Cookeville; Earl and Bryan Wheeler, Rhea Springs; Misses Bertha and Ethel Wheeler, Dora Godsey and Jimmy Wheeler, of Dayton.

Every courtesy that could be shown by a sympathetic and kind-hearted people was evidenced by the people of Crossville, especially by those who had been personally acquainted with the kind and loving heart that was stilled in death and those who had learned to esteem her son, C. W. Powell, so highly.

The remains were laid beside her husband, W. W. Powell, who died in 1878, a few months after their marriage. The deceased was the daughter of Major Benjamin Bentley, who lived on what is known as the Bentley farm, one mile east of town. Only one son was born to the union, C. W. Powell, who is engaged as embalmer by the undertaking firm of Lamb & Coulter, Rockwood.

The deceased had been operated upon recently and had practically recovered when she was taken with pneumonia and because of her reduced strength passed away in a short time. Funeral services were held in the home of R. W. Powell, Brooklyn, with whom she had been making her home for some time. The services were conducted by Revs. Tenney and Dawson, assistant pastors of Plymouth church.

Rev. Tenney read the following paper commendatory of the life of the departed:

"We are met here this afternoon to join with each other in saying 'Good-bye' to the form of one we shall see no more in the flesh, and it may be fitting for those with whom she lived for fourteen years, whom she so much loved and who greatly loved her, to say some things about her that you will be glad to hear. It also seems fitting that these things should be said in the room where so much of her life has been spent during the past five years, near the chair in which she sat looking out into the light, near the sofa on which she so often lay in pain, seeing the flowers for which she liked to care, and in mind again seeing her sitting quietly by the evening lamp, seldom speaking herself but always an interested and sympathetic observer. From this room so dear to her she went to what she clearly knew was only a chance for life here in the flesh, but her growing suffering was so great that life here without the hope of health could only be looked forward to with dread, and she took her chance without fear, with the most absolute resignation we ever saw, knowing that she was in God's hands and whatever was to be would be for the best; if she recovered from the ordeal before her she would have health and comfort for a few years, but if her age and long suffering had so weakened her that she was to pass on into another and higher life it would be to find herself where she would be more in the light than she was here and add to her joy and peace.

"Just before she left our home she said, 'I do not want to leave you folks but it is all right whichever way it turns, I shall close my eyes here and open them again in the great, new, beautiful world and my work will be laid out for me.' She said to Mrs.

Powell on Tuesday, not long before her life gently ebbed away, 'Last night I was happy, oh, so happy that I could hardly bear it.' Perhaps she was in spirit in touch with our great leader, Abdul Baha himself, by whom she was blessed, as also those whom she loved, when she was quietly before him not many years ago.

The doctor under whose tender and skillful care she placed herself said to us that she was the gentlest and sweetest woman he had ever had under his care, and we feel that it must have been one of the greatest disappointments of his life that her vitality was so low as to make it impossible for her to overcome the after effects of an unusually long and difficult surgical operation. The operation itself was entirely healed but the ensuing pneumonia proved fatal because of the fact that her system had been so greatly weakened by the suffering of many years.

"But her soul was not weakened; that had grown into a state which it seems to us is not often attained to here. She had really attained to Peace, which may be greater than Happiness itself. But she had much joy in spite of her frequent and great suffering. Living most of her life in the country, she loved the birds and the clouds and the beautiful growing things. She knew the song and habits and names of all the birds, and it was always a keen pleasure to provide her with books about these humble and happy creatures of God and feel her appreciation of sympathy with and help for her joy in all such wholesome pleasures. Coming to a great city for the first time in her life she entered into such of its experiences as we could give her with a thankful heart, and it gave us great happiness to do what we could to take her to good times. She was a common or sensational in any way.

At a Philharmonic concert, though in a cheap seat, her ear was attuned to the best music there to be heard. It was sometimes hard to persuade her that she must not give up these things to others as she often wished to do; for her life was one of supreme service and we feel that she was truly a servant of God, perhaps the highest condition which our souls can reach.

"To her faculty of appreciation in the highest degree of all lovely and beautiful things we believe that there is now added to her real life the joy which comes from the power of expression. Freed from the limitations which hamper us all here we believe that she is now beyond the veil which kept her from the light that we all long for and for which we all hope. Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his disciples, 'I have yet many things to say to you but ye cannot bear them now.' May we not feel that our dear friend, freed from these limitations, is now hearing such of these things as we cannot yet understand.

"Just one personal word more about our dear friend whose body lies before us. On January 31st we had a little joint family birthday dinner on her birthday, which was also near the birthday of some of the rest of us. Simple toasts were given and the one to her was 'To our dear Aunt Maria. Last but not least! She does not herself know the depth and richness of her own heart as we do, and we ourselves who love her may not always know how much love and sweetness are behind those rather quiet lips. May her peace of heart always continue and bless us for many years.'

"Well! she is gone from our sight and the Lord does not forbid us to grieve when we lose for a time those whom we love, but we do not mourn as those that have no hope. We know that she is in the hands of the loving God whom she trusted and devoutly followed and it raises us nearer to Him to have this spoken of one who so dearly loved Him and all of us."

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Efficient muzzling of dogs will eradicate rabies?

The protection of the health of children is the first duty of the Nation?

Bad temper is sometimes merely a symptom of bad health?

Insanity costs every inhabitant in the United States \$1 per year?

The U. S. Public Health Service has proven that typhus is spread by lice?

Untreated pellagra ends in insanity?

In the lexicon of health there is no such word as "neutrality" against disease?

The death rate of persons under 45 is decreasing; of those over 45 it is increasing?

EYES ON THIS COUNTY

Much Interest Manifested in the Early Opening of the Memphis to Bristol Highway Through This County—Working.

The following taken from the Sunday Knoxville Journal and Tribune is very pertinent to the situation in this county and conveys to the public what many of our people have been strongly advocating for years. The Journal and Tribune says:

"Certain localities throughout the south where good roads have not yet been secured, but located along the lines where through traffic wished to go, have separated important sections of the country and lost a very great amount of through travel and visitors from outside by failure to provide the necessary roads for through travel.

"Such a condition exists at present in Cumberland county, Tennessee, which is about the only difficult spot left to a through route between Nashville, Memphis and western points to the eastern branch of the Dixie highway, at Knoxville, and from there on to New York and the Carolinas.

"The Memphis to Bristol highway between Nashville and Knoxville is in very passable condition throughout with the exception of the gap at each end of Cumberland county which as yet is ungraded. A part of the road through Cumberland county is in good graded passable condition and the eyes of hundreds of automobilists in western points are turned on this gap and the possibility of Cumberland county as a link in the Memphis to Bristol highway.

"Roane county, the adjoining county on the east, has furnished a macadamized road to the line and from that point the tourist can go in almost any direction, either turn south to Chattanooga on the Dixie highway or come east to Knoxville and then to New York and the east by way of Bristol through the Carolinas when the Asheville road is finished this fall.

"Cumberland county has appropriated some funds for this purpose and it is believed that she will take up this work and complete it this summer and it is hoped by hundreds of motorists that this will be the case. She has also appropriated some money for north and south roads in her county which, while being considerable local benefit would probably not draw through travel in the way of bringing outsiders into the county, for lack of through connections. There is no county in this section which would be more benefited than Cumberland county by having through tourist travel passing through it and thereby acquainting the general public of its great undeveloped resources from close at hand view, such as is possible to secure only from leisurely trips stopping over at various towns as when traveling by automobile.

"This county has much beautiful scenery and great possibilities for the opening up of pleasure resorts provided it could be easily reached by motorists from Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

"As stated above, that county has some funds for completing the east and west connections of this road, thereby supplying the link which is missing in a great line for through traffic, and the hope of Tennessee motorists and those of other states is that they will succeed in getting the road through during the coming summer and their funds will be sufficient for this purpose.

"The present line of the road runs through Crossville from which there are two possible routes to Nashville, one by way of Sparta and one by way of Cookeville, both of them having been spoken of for the Memphis to Bristol highway.

"The great highway from San Diego to Washington, known as the Southern National highway on which an immense amount of work is being done, also requires Cumberland county as a necessary link. This route runs from San Diego through Tennessee by way

of Memphis to Nashville, Knoxville, and thence to Asheville, Richmond, and Washington.

"It will doubtless only be a short time before hundreds of western automobilists will be traveling eastward over this route in the winter, owing to the fact the famous Lincoln highway between California and New York is a very difficult proposition during the winter months on account of snow and there is a strong chance for this southern route to get the bulk of the east and west tourist travel between the Atlantic and Pacific, especially in the winter months.

"The fact that many home seekers now use automobiles instead of railway trains makes the value of good roads, especially of a through road, much greater to any locality than ever before and Cumberland county will be the loser if it does not grasp the situation and put itself in shape to get the earliest start on through travel possible, and also be in line for federal aid on through highways, which is apparently becoming closer every day and which is sure to come in time."

Work of surveying the line of the Memphis to Bristol highway east from Crab Orchard is now in progress and the dirt is expected to fly in a short time. That the work will not be pushed as rapidly as the commission wishes seems sure because of the difficulty experienced in securing men and teams for the work. But the construction will go forward as rapidly as possible and in a few weeks the way will be open for automobiles to pass freely from Rockwood to Crab Orchard. From Crab Orchard there is a splendid graded road to a point some eight or nine miles west of Crossville.

Work will begin on the western end so soon as the commissioners can get to it. Only six miles remains to be opened to enable autos to get through to Nashville.

By a recent bond issue the funds necessary for completing the Memphis to Bristol highway through this county is provided and the time is near at hand when we will be connected with the outside world by a road that will equal any of the auto roads through the sparsely settled sections of the state.

GOV. T. C. RYE RE-NOMINATED

Enloe for Railroad Commissioner and the Ouster Law Sustained.

The democratic convention at Nashville last week resulted in the nomination of Gov. Rye as the democratic standard bearer this year. B. A. Enloe was chosen as the candidate to succeed himself as railroad commissioner in spite of strong opposition of the "regular" faction that seems determined to get rid of the last of the independent democrats. Enloe won on the fourth ballot by a vote of 709 to 575 for R. C. Walsh, his closest opponent.

Much opposition was in evidence against the ouster law but when it came to the "show down" the Shelby delegation voted for the plank of the platform favoring it.

The convention was a stormy one but after all matters were settled harmony seemed to prevail and enthusiasm for the nominees was generally manifested. There is little doubt, however, that the Crump forces will fight Gov. Rye in Shelby and he will also be fought in Hamilton and Davidson counties, because the whiskey forces are against him.

STORE ROBBED AT WESTEL.

E. N. Hargitt & Company Suffer Small Loss; One Robber Caught.

Friday night, May 12, the store of E. N. Hargitt & Co., Westel, was robbed. The manager being at Knoxville, the burglars took advantage of his absence. The discovery showed that they had entered by tearing off the screen from a window that had been left up.

The robbers are supposed to have been after money, but were disappointed as the money had been taken into the house. Being defeated in getting the money, they took such things as were in sight. Among the articles taken were a watch, revolver, a kodak, two or three knives, one of which was a gold knife which was a souvenir of Mr. Hargitt's.

Mr. Hargitt kept still about it in the hope of getting a clue, which he got last Friday. He, with Geo. Vitatos, then went to Rockwood and after a short search, located their man and with the assistance of the Rockwood police, landed one of the men in jail.

For special reasons names of the supposed robbers are not given here.